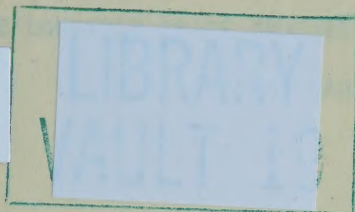


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Note that indexes for Edmonton and for Calgary have been released separately and they are not seasonally adjusted. Additionally, a consumer price index for a particular regional city measures the movements in prices faced by consumers in the specific city. Thus, consumer price indexes for regional cities cannot be used to compare levels of price between cities. Finally, only Edmonton and Calgary data were released in the Edmonton-Calgary region to the exclusion of all other regional cities. This is an economy measure by Statistics Canada.

Consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities during February with increases ranging from 0.3% in Edmonton to 1.4% in Winnipeg. Food indexes increased in twelve cities, declined in one city, and were unchanged in one other. Quotations were generally higher for dairy, bakery and cereal products, pork, poultry, fresh produce, processed fruits and vegetables, beverages and food eaten away from home. Lower prices were prevalent for beef, eggs and sugar. Housing components rose in all cities in response to increased shelter costs, higher household effects insurance rates, and increased prices for household supplies. Clothing indexes rose in ten cities and declined in four others, while transportation components rose in nine cities, declined in four, and were unchanged in one other. Increased automobile insurance rates, in most cases, outweighed lower prices for new cars and a reduction in the train fares index. Health and personal care indexes increased in all

cities in response to higher charges for men's haircuts and women's hair-dressing along with increased prices for pharmaceuticals and toiletries. Recreation, education and reading components rose in all centres reflecting higher movie admission charges and increased magazine subscription rates. Tobacco and alcohol indexes increased in twelve cities and were unchanged in two others. Prices were generally higher for alcoholic beverages consumed on licensed premises.

In Edmonton, the All-items index rose by 0.3% from January to February, 1975, and by 11.4% from February 1974 to February 1975.

The food index dipped 0.3% as lower quotations for beef, eggs, fresh fruit and sugar outweighed higher prices for dairy, bakery and cereal products, pork, poultry, fresh vegetables and beverages. Housing rose 0.3% with increased shelter costs, higher household effects insurance rates, and increased prices for furniture, floor covering and household supplies. A 0.6% increase in clothing reflected higher prices for footwear, women's lingerie and men's outerwear. A 1.4% advance in the recreation, education and reading index was attributable to increased movie admission charges and higher magazine subscription rates. The health and personal care component moved up 0.4% with higher prices for pharmaceuticals and toiletries. The tobacco and alcohol index rose 0.9% in response to increased prices for alcoholic beverages consumed on licensed premises. Lower new car prices contributed to a 0.4% decline in the transportation component.

Private transportation	153.9	0.3	153.6
Public transportation	112.7	-0.7	112.0
Health and personal care	110.1	0.4	110.5
Recreation, education and reading	102.2	1.4	103.6
Tobacco and alcohol	103.1	0.9	104.0

TABLE 1
Consumer Price Indexes for Edmonton
Main Groups and Selected Components, Not seasonally Adjusted
(1961=100 unless otherwise noted)

	Indexes	Per cent change	
	February 1975	February 1975 From	
		Jan. 1975	Feb. 1974
All-items	165.2	0.3	11.4
Food	196.9	-0.3	13.3
Food for home consumption	182.8	-0.4	13.0
Dairy products (incl. butter)	192.0	4.2	30.3
Cereals and bakery products	195.5	1.6	25.8
Fats and oils (excl. butter)	195.1	0.0	39.7
Meat, poultry and fish	201.8	-3.9	-4.9
Eggs	190.0	-2.7	3.7
Fruits and vegetables (1)	117.0	2.5	15.7
Frozen food (1)	128.4	0.1	15.1
Prepared and part. prep. dishes and snacks (1)	131.4	0.4	15.8
Other food (1)	176.8	-1.8	46.0
Beverages (1)	140.9	3.6	30.6
Food away from home	253.2	0.2	14.9
Housing	147.1	0.8	10.2
Shelter	144.6	0.9	8.6
Household operation	151.1	0.5	12.6
Clothing	159.7	0.6	9.2
Women's wear	155.9	0.4	7.3
Men's wear	161.5	0.8	9.7
Children's wear	140.2	0.7	15.8
Footwear	179.3	0.9	5.3
Piece goods and notions	137.3	-0.9	9.4
Clothing services	173.0	0.0	13.0
Transportation	159.0	-0.4	13.6
Private transportation	153.0	-0.2	14.2
Public transportation	113.2	-1.7	10.3
Health and personal care	138.1	0.4	11.2
Recreation, education and reading	169.7	1.4	10.4
Tobacco and alcohol	149.1	0.9	10.3

(1) April 1973=100.

In Calgary, the All-items index rose by 0.7% from January to February, 1975, and by 11.9% from February 1974 to February 1975.

The food index rose 0.6% during the latest month. Quotations were higher for dairy, bakery and cereal products, pork, poultry, eggs, fresh produce and beverages. A 1.0% advance in housing was chiefly attributable to increased shelter costs, higher household effects insurance rates, increased domestic electricity rates and higher prices for household supplies. The recreation, education and reading component rose 1.7% reflecting increased movie admission charges, higher magazine subscription rates and increased prices for camera film (including processing). The health and personal care index moved up 1.0% in response to higher charges for men's haircuts and women's hairdressing, and increased prices for pharmaceuticals and toiletries.

Food	140.6	2.3	30.1
Beverages (II)	140.6	0.1	18.1
Other food (II)	140.5	1.3	22.1
Beverages (III)	140.5	1.3	22.1
Food away from home	140.5	2.3	15.4
Housing	140.5	1.0	17.1
Shelter	140.5	0.7	18.1
Household operations	140.5	1.5	12.4
Clothing	140.5	0.3	11.1
Women's wear	140.5	0.3	10.5
Men's wear	140.5	0.6	11.3
Children's wear	140.5	0.1	12.7
Footwear	140.5	0.3	8.3
Place goods and services	140.5	0.2	18.5
Clothing services	140.5	0.0	15.7
Transportation	140.5	0.2	17.6
Private transportation	140.5	0.1	11.8
Public transportation	140.5	0.3	12.1
Health and personal care	140.5	1.0	12.1
Recreation, education and reading	140.5	1.7	11.3
Tobacco and alcohol	140.5	0.1	9.3

TABLE 2
Consumer Price Indexes for Calgary
Main Groups and Selected Components, Not Seasonally Adjusted
(1961=100 unless otherwise noted)

	Indexes	Per cent change	
		February 1975 F r o m	
	February 1975	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1974
All-items	167.3	0.7	11.9
Food	204.1	0.6	13.1
Food for home consumption	199.4	0.7	12.5
Dairy products (incl. butter)	194.9	4.5	29.5
Cereal and bakery products	197.0	2.0	21.8
Fats and oils (excl. butter)	215.5	0.6	46.4
Meat, poultry and fish	212.9	-3.4	- 7.5
Eggs	184.7	1.5	3.0
Fruits and vegetables (1)	124.6	5.8	22.6
Frozen food (1)	132.4	-1.6	16.0
Prepared and part. prep. dishes and snacks (1)	144.0	2.9	20.0
Other food (1)	184.0	0.1	48.6
Beverages (1)	140.3	3.5	28.1
Food away from home	250.1	0.2	15.6
Housing	148.0	1.0	11.1
Shelter	148.7	0.7	10.1
Household operation	149.3	1.5	12.8
Clothing	162.2	0.2	11.0
Women's wear	160.5	0.1	10.5
Men's wear	164.2	0.6	11.9
Children's wear	143.3	0.1	12.7
Footwear	180.3	0.3	9.3
Piece goods and notions	136.9	0.2	10.5
Clothing services	161.6	0.0	11.7
Transportation	158.2	-0.2	12.6
Private transportation	152.2	0.1	11.8
Public transportation	121.9	-1.6	17.1
Health and personal care	175.2	1.0	12.1
Recreation, education and reading	172.1	1.7	11.7
Tobacco and alcohol	145.9	0.1	9.5

(1) April 1973=100

TABLE 3

Consumer Price Index Changes for Edmonton, Calgary, and Canada
Main Groups, Not Seasonally Adjusted
(1961=100 unless otherwise noted)

	Edmonton		Calgary		Canada	
	% change Jan. 75 to Feb. 75	% change Feb. 74 to Feb. 75	% change Jan. 75 to Feb. 75	% change Feb. 74 to Feb. 75	% change Jan. 75 to Feb. 75	% change Feb. 74 to Feb. 75
All items	0.3	11.4	0.7	11.9	0.8	11.8
Food	-0.3	13.3	0.6	13.1	0.8	14.7
Housing	0.8	10.2	1.0	11.1	0.7	10.3
Clothing	0.6	9.2	0.2	11.0	0.1	8.5
Transportation	-0.4	13.6	-0.2	12.6	0.9	11.4
Health and Personal Care	0.4	11.2	1.0	12.1	1.5	11.7
Recreation, Education, and Reading	1.4	10.4	1.7	11.7	1.0	12.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	0.9	10.3	0.1	9.5	0.1	12.6

